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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM WORLD BANK

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MR. MCGIBBON, WORLD BANK
RESIDENT REP AT ACCRA, GHANA, FROM IBRD/WASHINGTON: QUOTE
RE YOUR CABLE APPIAH COMMITTEE REPORT, WE FEEL THAT THIS
MATTER SHOULD BE KEPT AT LOW KEY. WE ARE, THEREFORE,
ASKING GYASI-TWUM, WHO PLANS TO VISIT GHANA ARRIVING EARLY
NEXT WEEK, TO MAKE INFORMAL INQUIRIES ABOUT THE BACKGROUND
OF THE PRESS REPORT. WE WILL THEN CONSIDER HOW BEST TO
PROCEED. IN MEANTIME, SUGGEST YOU TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION,
AND IF QUESTIONED ABOUT THE ARTICLE SIMPLY INDICATE THAT
THE PRESS REPORT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF
WORLD BANK HEADQUARTERS. IT IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR FROM
YOUR CABLE WHETHER EXTRACT QUOTED IS VERBATIM ACCOUNT OR
PRESS COMMENT ON REPORT. GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE FULL COPY
OF NEWSPAPER SOONEST. REITTER HERE IN WASHINGTON CAN
SHED NO LIGHT ON WHOLE MATTER. CAN YOU? REGARDS CLIFT.
END QUOTE.

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